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Man Wanted a Career That Would Allow Him to Travel

A man was arrested in Spain after curling himself up inside a large suitcase that was placed in an airport bus cargo bay and sneaking out to steal from other people's luggage, police said Thursday. The man was 5 foot 10 inches tall and very thin, a police official said. An accomplice would place the thief inside the cargo bay, board the bus and then retrieve him at the end of the line. (AP)

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When Zoologists Attack

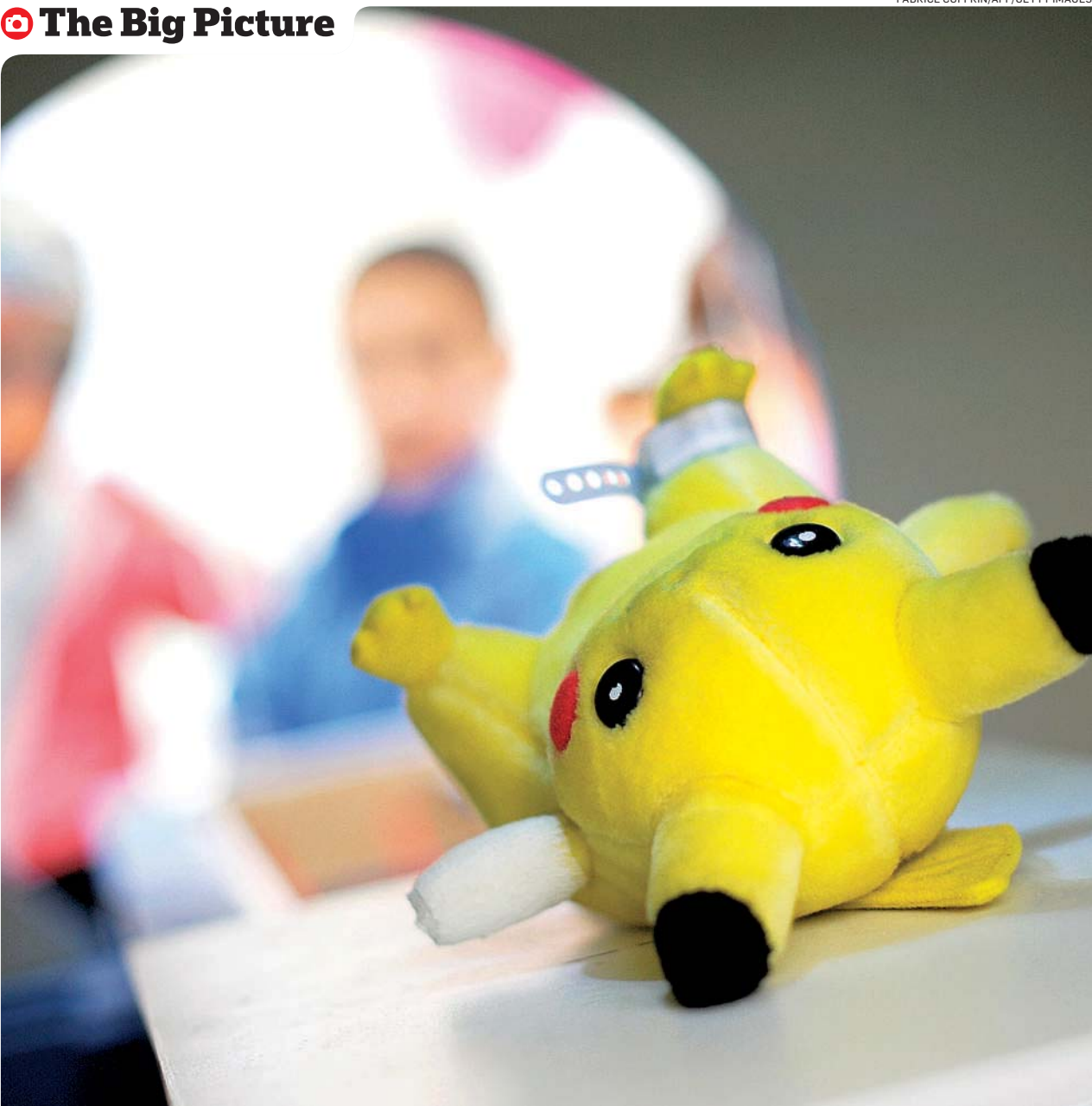
Police say a man was carrying a dead weasel when he burst into an apartment and assaulted a man in Hoquiam, Wash. The victim asked, "Why are you carrying a weasel?" Police said the attacker answered, "It's not a weasel; it's a marten," then punched him in the nose and fled. The attacker was apparently looking for his girlfriend and on Monday had gone to her former boyfriend's apartment, where the victim was a guest. KXRO reports he left the carcass behind. A marten is a member of the weasel family. (AP)

JOYRIDES

The Horse Made Them Do It

Four teenagers in Mercer County, Pa., are in Dutch with state police after they allegedly damaged a mailbox during a drunken Sunday night horse-drawn-cart ride, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported. The four consumed alcohol and damaged property. (AP)

The Big Picture



GIVE HIM A TOE TAG, NURSE; THIS TREND IS DEAD: Cuddly toy Pikachu is examined in a toy scanner at the Teddy Bear Hospital on Wednesday during the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Children's Hospital of Lausanne, Switzerland's first hospital entirely dedicated to infants. (AFP/GETTY)

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Half the Country Wilts Under Unrelenting Heat

A third day of unseasonable heat blistered the eastern half of the country Thursday, making tornado cleanup miserable in Massachusetts, sending country music fans in Tennessee to hospitals and leaving Special Olympians in Pennsylvania gulping gallons of water. The persistent heat has been blamed for at least seven deaths from the Plains to the East Coast. (AP)

NEW YORK

Embattled Rep. Weiner Claims He Won't Resign

Rep. Anthony Weiner insists he won't resign from Congress and plans to get back to work on behalf of his New York district. Weiner spoke to the New York Post on Thursday. The lawmaker has come under pressure from several Democratic colleagues to step down after he admitted to sexually explicit online relationships with women. (AP)

200K

The estimated number of Citibank credit card customers in North America whose names, account numbers and email addresses were recently stolen by hackers. (AP)

Gingrich Campaign Implodes

After top staff resign, presidential hopeful vows to stay in race

Washington

The entire top echelon of Newt Gingrich's presidential campaign resigned on Thursday, a stunning mass exodus that left his bid for the Republican nomination in tatters. But the former House speaker vowed defiantly to remain a candidate.

"I am committed to running the substantive, solutions-oriented campaign I set out to run earlier this spring," Gingrich said in a posting to his Facebook page. "The campaign begins anew Sunday in Los Angeles."

Rick Tyler, Gingrich's spokesman, said that he, campaign manager Rob Johnson and senior strategists had all quit, along with aides in the early primary and caucus states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

Other officials said Gingrich was informed that his entire high command was quitting in a meet-



Newt Gingrich speaks Wednesday in Hudson, N.H., as his wife, Callista, looks on.

"At the end of the day we just could not see a clear path to win, and there was a question of commitment."

— SCOTT RIALS, LONGTIME AIDE TO NEWT GINGRICH ON WHY HE DECIDED TO DEPART FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN THURSDAY.

ing at his headquarters in Washington. They cited differences over the direction of the campaign.

"We had a different vision for victory," Tyler said. "And since we

couldn't resolve that difference, I didn't feel I could be useful in serving him." He said Gingrich was not allowing enough time to campaign in key states.

Off to a Rocky Start

Newt Gingrich has long been viewed, by even his closest allies as a fountain of policy ideas but a man who is unable to avoid speaking in ways that spark unwelcome controversy. Within days of formally announcing he would run, he was assailed by conservatives for criticizing a plan to remake Medicare that Republicans pushed through the House. Within days, he embarked on a cruise to the Greek Isles with his wife, Callista, while rivals for the Republican nomination kept up their campaign appearances. (AP)

The upheaval in the campaign is likely to lead to a shakeup in the race for the party's presidential nomination, too, as rivals reach out for disaffected staff, and possibly for donors who have been aligned with the former Georgia congressman. While Gingrich told his now-departed aides he would remain in the race, he faces formidable obstacles in assembling a new team to compete in a campaign that's well under way. (AP)



Smoke Signals: Scientists say they've finally discovered why smokers tend to gain weight when they kick the habit. It turns out that nicotine can rev up brain cells that normally signal people to stop eating when they're full, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*. Many cite weight gain when asked why they don't quit. Now the question is whether the discovery might lead to better treatments to help them quit without worrying about weight. (AP)

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Immigrant Fight Shifts

Ala. passes law that's even harsher than Ariz.'s contested one

Montgomery, Ala.

Alabama vaulted past Arizona on Thursday with what is being called the most restrictive law in the nation against illegal immigration, requiring schools to find out whether students are in the country lawfully and making it a crime to knowingly give an illegal immigrant a ride.

Advocacy groups promised to challenge the sweeping measure, which like Arizona's law also allows police to arrest anyone suspected of being an illegal immigrant if the person is stopped for some other reason. In addition, it requires all businesses to check the legal status of workers using a federal system called E-Verify.

"It is clearly unconstitutional. It's mean-spirited, racist, and we

Ala. Law Modeled on Ariz. Law

Alabama's measure was modeled on a similar law passed in Arizona. Among other things, the Alabama law makes it a crime for landlords to knowingly rent to an illegal immigrant. Another provision makes it a crime to transport a known illegal immigrant. Alabama's law also goes further in requiring schools to check the immigration status of their students. The measure does not prohibit illegal immigrants from attending public schools; lawmakers said the purpose instead is to gather data on how many are enrolled and how much the state is spending to educate them. Alabama has an estimated 120,000 illegal immigrants, according to the Pew Hispanic Center. (AP)

"This is about trying to put anti-immigration sentiment into law."

— JARED SHEPHERD, ATTORNEY FOR THE ACLU, ON ALABAMA'S TOUGH NEW ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION LAW.

think a court will enjoin it," said Mary Bauer, legal director for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

It takes effect Sept. 1.

Republican Gov. Robert Bentley, who signed it into law Thursday, expressed confidence it would withstand any legal challenges.

"We have a real problem with illegal immigration in this coun-

try," he said. "I campaigned for the toughest immigration laws, and I'm proud of the legislature for working tirelessly to create the strongest immigration bill in the country."

Linton Joaquin, general counsel for the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles, said the Alabama law covers all aspects of an immigrant's life: "It is a sweeping attack on immigrants."

Alabama has an estimated 120,000 illegal immigrants, a nearly fivefold increase from a decade ago, according to the Pew Hispanic Center. Many of them are believed to be working on farms, at chicken processing plants and in construction. **BOB JOHNSON (AP)**



CLOSE QUARTERS

Welcome to Space

It's a full house again at the International Space Station. A Russian capsule carrying three astronauts from three countries docked at the orbiting lab on Thursday. The three new tenants join three others already on board, all of whom will be part of history when NASA flies the shuttle for the last time. (AP)

Home Equity Near Record Low

Washington

Falling home prices have shrunk the equity Americans have in their homes to nearly the lowest percentage since World War II.

Average home equity plunged from more than 61 percent at the start of 2001 to 38 percent in the January-March quarter this year, the Federal Reserve said in a report Thursday. That drop comes as home prices in big metro areas have reached their lowest level since 2002.

The Fed's quarterly report shows how much wealth, or net worth, Americans have gained or lost. Net worth is the value of assets such as homes and stocks,

74.5M

The number of homeowners in the United States. Nearly 25 percent of those are "underwater," meaning they have negative equity on their homes, according to private real estate research firm Core Logic. (AP)

minus debts like mortgages and credit cards.

Debt now accounts for 119 percent of disposable income — down from a peak of 135 percent in late 2007. Many Americans are reducing their home mortgage debt because they're going into default on their payments and losing their homes to foreclosure. (AP)

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Rebels stand guard Thursday in Misrata, Libya, amid attacks in Tripoli.

TRIPOLI, LIBYA

NATO Continues to Slam Gadhafi Targets in Libya

NATO airstrikes rattled the Libyan capital Thursday with clusters of bombing runs. By nightfall, 14 air attacks had been carried out, considerably fewer than Tuesday's bombardment, which flattened buildings in leader Moammar Gadhafi's compound in Tripoli. (AP)

AMSTERDAM

Dutch Find Beet Sprouts Tainted With E. Coli

Dutch authorities recalled red beet sprouts from three countries Thursday after samples were found to be contaminated with a strain of E. coli bacteria that was apparently less dangerous than the one causing Europe's deadly E. coli crisis. German officials reported that three more people died of the ailment Thursday, raising the toll to 29. (AP)

SAN'A, YEMEN

Yemen: 12 Militants Slain

Yemeni troops trying to recapture areas held by Islamic militants have killed 12 suspected al-Qaeda members in the troubled southern province of Abyan, the Defense Ministry said Thursday. (AP)

29K

The number of rounds of ammunition discovered by the Mexican Navy in a raid on a drug cartel cache in northern Mexico, officials said Thursday. Troops also found 204 rifles, 11 handguns and 17 grenades. The raid was the third such seizure in a week. (AP)

Conflict Brews on Syrian Border

Reports: 2,400 have escaped to Turkey as military forces roll in

Beirut

Syrian policemen turned their guns on each other, soldiers shed their uniforms rather than obey orders to fire on protesters, and three young men who tried to escape were beheaded by forces loyal to President Bashar Assad.

As more than 2,400 Syrians streamed across the open Turkish borders on Thursday ahead of tanks and troops who surrounded their hometown, they brought with them the first accounts of a week of revolt, mutiny and mayhem in Jisra al-Shughour. The streets were deserted, leaving no resistance against a regime equipped for all-out battle.

A man in Jisra al-Shughour said the town was all but empty, and nearby villagers had warned that hundreds of soldiers were massing along with 27 tanks and 50 armored personnel carriers.

"It seems they are ready to launch the attack," he said, ask-



MUSTAFA OZER/AP/GETTY IMAGES

A Guarded Friendship

Syrian refugees continued on Thursday to pour into near Hatay, Turkey.

Syria and Turkey, which share a 520-mile border, once nearly went to war, but the two countries have cultivated warm relations in recent years, lifting travel visa requirements for their citizens and promoting business ties. But Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has also urged Syria's government to adopt reforms aimed at ending the recent unrest. (AP)

ing that his name not be used for fear of reprisals.

The struggle over Jisra al-Shughour and Idlib is a critical test for the Assad regime, which said "armed groups" had killed 120 security forces in the area this week but has not commented on reports of mutinous military units.

Activists say more than 1,300 people have died in the crackdown on the 11-week uprising, most of them unarmed civilians; a government spokeswoman countered that 500 security forces had died in the uprising.

Tanks were also deployed in the streets of Aleppo, the province

"It would be out of the question for us to close our doors at a time when ... our brothers are seeking the possibility of refuge."

— RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN, TURKISH PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING THURSDAY ABOUT HOW TURKEY'S BORDERS WILL REMAIN OPEN TO SYRIAN REFUGEES.

that is home to a Syrian city of the same name, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan told CNN-Turk television Wednesday.

"There are tanks in the streets," Erdogan said. "They seem to have lost control there."

Al-Watan, a pro-government newspaper, reported Thursday that the army was mobilizing for a confrontation in Idlib. It said troops faced an estimated 2,000 gunmen backed by extremist villagers.

There was no way to independently verify the report. The Syrian government sharply restricts local media and has expelled foreign journalists from Syria. (AP)

Clip of Fatal Shooting of Teen Stirs Pakistani Rage

Karachi, Pakistan

Video of Pakistani security forces fatally shooting an unarmed teenager and looking on as he cried for help in a pool of blood triggered fresh anger Thursday against a military establishment still reeling from criticism after the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

Six members of the paramilitary Rangers were arrested in connection with the killing of Afsar



SHAKIL ADIL/AP

Relatives weep Thursday at the funeral of a slain teenager in Karachi, Pakistan.

Shah, 18, on Wednesday in Karachi, according to the head of the force, Maj. Gen. Aijaz Chaudhry.

A Rangers spokesman initially said Shah was detained because he was attempting to rob people in a park Wednesday. He said that Shah was shot because he was reaching for a Ranger's rifle. But Chaudhry did not mention any such threat.

Shah died of blood loss, an official said. Hundreds of people showed up at his funeral Thursday and denounced the Rangers. (AP)

Hearsay

"Our planet has two lungs — the Amazon rain forest and the Siberian taiga. The latter is blazing now."

— VLADIMIR GANDZHA, OF RUSSIA'S NATURE PROTECTION SOCIETY, SPEAKING THURSDAY ABOUT FIRES NEAR MOSCOW. MORE THAN 6.4 MILLION ACRES OF RUSSIAN FORESTS BURNED LAST YEAR.



Camels, Beware: Kill a camel, earn cash for cutting greenhouse gases: That offer may be coming soon in Australia, where an estimated 1.2 million of the animals roam the Outback. The government has proposed that killing camels be registered as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Each camel belches about 100 pounds of methane a year, one-sixth the amount of carbon dioxide that the U.S. says an average car produces annually. (AP)



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A Perfect Union

I bet you were offered an Express — and maybe some other paper — before you got on Metro last Thursday morning. But I got a sweeter deal: a free chocolate-chip cookie, courtesy of DoubleTree Hotels.

I'm guessing they were passing out the promotional baked goods because my home base on Metro, Union Station, happens to be the most frequented stop in the system. That distinction comes with some downsides, including having to deal with platform stampedes, countless escalator malfunctions and hordes of tourists (always in matching T-shirts!). But these days, I can't help but focus on the plus-

es of the position.

I've long thought of it as an architecturally stunning and historic hangout. And it's handy to have such easy access to a post office, bank, liquor store and shopping mall. My greatest discovery when I became a commuter train traveler was the Godiva Rewards program, which entitles you to a complimentary chocolate once a month. Redeem at their store when

you've missed your train and, I swear, you'll feel better.

The weirdest thing has recently happened, though: I don't need chocolate if I miss my train. Over the past few months, thanks to a spate of renovations and additions, Union Station has become so extra-awesome that I've realized I never mind having time to kill.

Let's start with the bathrooms, which I will actually use now. I've even found myself thinking, "That stripe of blue and gray tiles is so pretty," while using a Dyson Airblade to dry my hands.

If I'm running late, I have a ton more options for dinner — and dessert. Chipotle, Chop't and Potbelly aren't exactly fine dining, but they're solid commuter cuisine. Being forced to cross paths with a Crumbs Bake Shop twice a day is dangerous but delicious. I haven't managed to sample the fried chicken at Bojangles yet, but from what I hear, it's tasty stuff.

And if it causes a heart attack, I'm in luck. The new Capitol Hill branch of Kaiser Permanente is just down the hall. (It's near gate L, where an Einstein Bros. Bagels is opening soon, according to the gigantic sign that also promises "Non-stop Changes for the Better.")

Dawn Banket, Union Station's director of marketing, says even more fabulous stuff is on the way — but she can't leak what it is just yet. "We're in high demand because business is strong here," she says.

Maybe it's condos. Then I'd never have to leave.



METRO PULSE

What do you think of the new finding that people who have long commutes are more likely to divorce?

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Metro to Change Repair Strategy

System to close more stations instead of single-tracking lines

Washington

Metro said Thursday that it plans to change the way it does repair and maintenance work on weekends by closing down some stations along rail lines instead of doing work and single-tracking along the line.

Officials made a presentation to the board of directors, making

a pitch that the change would help make its crews work safer and faster in its \$5 billion capital improvement effort to try to improve safety and improve the run-down rail system.

"You're always grappling with minimizing the impact to customers and increasing the productivity of doing work on the system," Richard Sarles, Metro's GM, said after the board's committees met Thursday. "We will become more efficient because we can do more work faster rather than dragging things out." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Tourists Do Their Best to Beat the Heat



RICKY CARIOTI/TWP

HANNAH CORDINGLEY, 12, right, of Barnsley, South Yorkshire, England, douses her cousin **Nicole Story, 20**, of Seaford, Del., with bottled water while walking near the Washington Monument on Thursday in Washington. Temps on Thursday soared to near 100 degrees, keeping many folks indoors.

Hearsay



"You should be ashamed of yourself. People earn their stuff, and you steal!"

— **YVETTE ALEXANDER**, D.C. COUNCIL MEMBER, D-WARD 7, TO A THIEF SHE HELPED CHASE DOWN OUTSIDE CITY HALL AFTER HE STOLE A MAN'S KINDLE OUT OF HIS HANDS WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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American River Taxi's Shaun Guevarra boards his boat at Gangplank Marina May 26.

Commutes by Water Taxi Turn Out to Be Hard Sell

Washington

On a bright and sunny Wednesday morning, Washington's newest water taxi commuter service was ready to go.

There was just one thing missing: commuters.

For decades, regional leaders and private entrepreneurs have dreamed of harnessing the Potomac to relieve congested highways. But despite hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on studies, a network of ferries and water taxis that quickly deliver commuters from their homes to their workplaces has yet to materialize.

American River Taxi is the latest company to make an attempt to lure Washington area residents out of their cars, off Metro and on to the water. In April, the company launched an early morning water taxi service that, for \$8 each way, offered to whisk commuters from the Southwest waterfront to

Georgetown Harbor.

But the company has found itself struggling to make the service work.

"It was relaxing, and I was in a fantastic mood when I got to work," said Jennifer Druliner one of American River Taxi's first customers. But ultimately, Druliner, who works at the U.S. Green Building Council, said she realized it just wasn't practical, because traveling by water taxi was about four times as expensive as Metro and took too much time.

Despite quietly suspending their early morning service at the end of May, owners of American River Taxi remain hopeful that the Potomac can become a viable commute route, Shaun Guevarra, president of American River Taxi said.

"It's really about changing people's mindset," Guevarra said. "Getting them to think about the water."

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Early Learning Curve

A new study finds preschool's benefits are lasting, notably for at-risk youths

Chicago

Preschool has surprisingly enduring benefits lasting well into adulthood, according to one of the biggest, longest follow-up studies of its kind.

Better jobs, less drug abuse and fewer arrests are among advantages found in the study that tracked more than 1,000 low-income, mostly black Chicago kids for up to 25 years.

Michael Washington was one of them. Now a 31-year-old heating and air-conditioning contractor, Washington attended a year of preschool at Chicago's intensive Child-Parent Center Education Program when he was 4.

The ongoing publicly funded program focuses on language development, scholastic skills and building self-confidence. It involves one or two years of half-day preschool, and up to four additional years of educational and family services in grade school.

Washington lived in an impoverished West Side community and says he'll never forget the strong influence of his preschool teachers.

"You expect your mom and dad to care for you. But when a stranger, who has no ties to you whatsoever, takes the time to invest in you, takes the time to listen, that makes you open your eyes bigger," he said. "It was real cool."

Washington got good grades in elementary and high school, and attended two years of college at Chicago State University. Unlike other kids he knew from the neighborhood who didn't attend preschool, he says he never tried drugs and was never arrested.

The results were published Thursday in the online version of the journal *Science*. They bolster findings from similar, smaller studies and show that high-quality preschool "gives you your biggest bang for the buck," said Dr.



Early childhood education helps children build self-confidence and intellectual skills that help them later in life, researchers say.



Keeping It Up in Ill.

A spokeswoman for Chicago's public schools noted that the new mayor, Rahm Emanuel, committed during his campaign to ensuring that the city's highest-risk kids have access to early childhood programs. Despite cuts to state early childhood funding, public preschool and kindergarten programs in Chicago have not been slashed for next year, she said. (AP)

On the Research

The study tracked nearly 900 children into adulthood who attended the program in the early 1980s and compared them to almost 500 low-income Chicago youngsters, most of whom didn't attend preschool. (AP)

Pamela High, chair of an American Academy of Pediatrics committee that deals with early childhood issues. She was not involved in the study.

Though many kids also got extra

services in grade school, including intensive reading instruction, the researchers found the most enduring effects, particularly for non-academic success, were due to one or two years of preschool. The authors theorize that those early childhood experiences built intellectual skills, social adjustment and motivation that helped children better navigate high-risk environments.

To be sure, the challenges facing the children in both groups were still insurmountable to many. As adults, the average annual income for those who went

to preschool is less than \$12,000, and almost half of them have been arrested as adults. As dismal as those outcomes, the numbers were still better than for the group that didn't attend preschool.

The study's lead researcher, Arthur Reynolds of the University of Minnesota, said the differences between the groups are meaningful and translate to big savings to society for kids who attended preschool.

The average cost per child for 18 months of preschool in 2011 is \$9,000, but Reynolds' cost-benefit analysis suggests that leads to at least \$90,000 in benefits per child in terms of increased earnings, tax revenue, less criminal behavior, reduced mental health costs and other measures, he said.

"No other social program for children and youth has been shown to have that level of return on investment," he said. LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

Preschool Perks

A new study found that at-risk youths who attended preschool achieved more than those who didn't.

EDUCATION

80%

The portion of the preschool group that finished high school versus 75 percent of the others.

28%

The portion of the preschool group that had skilled jobs requiring post-high school training, versus 21 percent of the others.

INCOME

The average annual adult income for the preschool group was about \$11,600 versus \$10,800 for the others. The low average incomes include no earnings for those in prison and close to that for adults who were still in college or studying elsewhere.

CRIME

14%

The portion of the preschool group that abused drugs in adulthood versus 19 percent of the others.

48%

The portion of the preschool group that had been arrested in adulthood versus 54 percent of the others.

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TV Lineup



Dirk Nowitzki and Dallas will host the Heat in Game 6 of the NBA Finals Sunday.

Friday

8 P.M. The Boston Bruins hope to extend their dominance over the Vancouver Canucks for a third-straight game during Game 5 of the Stanley Cup finals. NBC

10 P.M. The Nationals continue their four-game series against the San Diego Padres. MASN2

Saturday

1 P.M. Virginia's baseball team plays UC-Irvine in the NCAA's super regionals. ESPN

5 P.M. Animal Kingdom is the favorite to win the Belmont Stakes. NBC

7:30 P.M. D.C. United returns home to play the San Jose Earthquakes in MLS action. CSN

8:30 P.M. The Nats' road trip winds down with Game 3 of their series against the Padres. MASN2

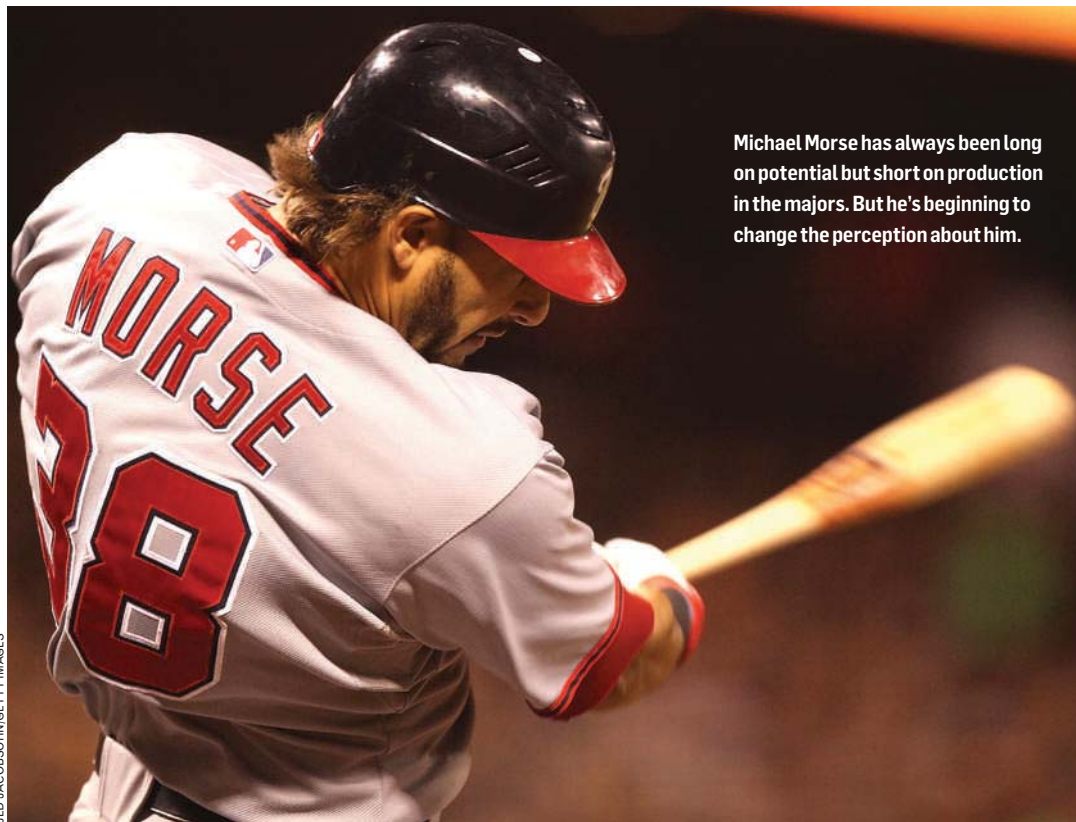
Sunday

1 P.M. Game 2 of Virginia's series against UC-Irvine in the college baseball tournament. ESPN

1 P.M. NASCAR rolls into Long Pond, Pa., for the Pocono 500.

4 P.M. The Nats finally finish up their West Coast trip in San Diego. MASN2

8 P.M. Game 6 of the NBA Finals between the Miami Heat and Dallas Mavericks. ABC



Michael Morse has always been long on potential but short on production in the majors. But he's beginning to change the perception about him.

.368

Michael Morse's batting average since May 1. He's also hit eight of his nine home runs in that span—making him an integral part of the Nationals' lineup. (AP)

he comes to the ballpark not knowing whether he's going to play. With a platoon that included left-handed-hitter Laynce Nix, it appeared Morse wouldn't play much at all.

But last month, LaRoche went on the disabled list, for a still-undetermined period, and Morse got his shot at first base.

And now, once again as the Nationals face the San Diego Padres this weekend, he's making others believe. Since May 1, Morse has hit .368 with eight of his nine home runs.

In the field, the drop-off from LaRoche to Morse has been negligible. Morse has shown good range and saved errors by deftly picking throws from the dirt. "Mike is a big man," Rigglesman said. "He kind of outgrew the middle infield, but he has the instincts."

Morse might increase his value with defense, but his career will ultimately be defined by his offensive numbers.

He's been compared to late-blooming Jayson Werth, but if such comparisons are to hold up, his flowering must last through the summer.

Rigglesman said Morse's offensive outburst was the product of hours of work with hitting coach Rick Eckstein, who Morse has credited with lifting him from the late-April scrap heap.

"We've just had some loud talks — mostly on his side, with me listening," Morse said. "He just showed me, and proved to myself, that I'm a good enough player to play here and have success." **DEREK TURNER**

At Home at First

Morse successfully makes the jump from reserve to key starter

The Nationals

At certain points in a ballplayer's career, he is not exactly the sum of his talents, but rather the sum of other people's views of his talents.

This is where the Nationals' Michael Morse has found himself, as he tries to make the jump from part-timer to starter to, perhaps, middle-of-the-order impact player.

Since the offseason, the team's view of Morse has morphed rapidly.

"I'm just going to take what I can. If I get in the lineup, I'm going to play my heart out. I'm not going to change anything. And I believe in myself."

— **MICHAEL MORSE**, WHO LOST HIS FIRST CHANCE TO START EVERY DAY WITH THE NATIONALS EARLIER THIS YEAR. NOW, HE'S FILLING IN FOR ADAM LAROCHE AT FIRST BASE.

In January, the 29-year-old, long on potential but short on track record, was one of several guys in competition for playing time in the outfield.

Morse was drafted as a short-stop in 2000, and the Nationals didn't consider his defense good enough for first base, so they signed slick-fielding Adam LaRoche to replace the lumbering Adam Dunn.

By March, after a torrid spring training in which he hit more home runs than any player in the league, Morse was the starting left fielder. It was his job to lose.

Then he lost it.

A .291 hitter during his brief career, he hit just .211 through April, with one home run, and manager Jim Rigglesman postulated that Morse might be the type of player who's better when

Net Loss for Reeling Vancouver

Goalie play has been the difference in the Stanley Cup finals

NHL Playoffs

Although Roberto Luongo is receiving much of the blame for Vancouver's two-game meltdown in Boston during the Stanley Cup finals, the Canucks refuse to allow their goalie to take the heat alone.

Most of the 12 goals he allowed in just over five periods weren't his fault, defenseman Kevin Bieksa claimed. Luongo might have been pulled from a crucial Game 4, but the star goalie will get himself together in time for Game 5 on Friday night, captain Henrik Sedin promised.

If only the Canucks had provided that much support to Luongo on the ice, maybe they wouldn't be headed home with their series lead completely evaporated.

"These were the same questions Boston got after they lost two games, and they found a way," Sedin said. "We need to do the same thing."

No matter what spin is applied by the Canucks, Boston goalie Tim Thomas has thoroughly outplayed his fellow Vezina Trophy nominee through four games in the finals, which are even heading back to Vancouver.

While no goalie bears sole responsibility for his play, even Van-

Banged-Up Canucks



The Canucks' problems in front of Roberto Luongo stem from injuries that forced them to mix and match defensemen into three new pairings this series.

► Center Ryan Kesler, a stellar playoff performer and the leader of Vancouver's shutdown defensive line, has played with a

fraction of his usual disruptive force in the finals while apparently nursing an undisclosed problem.

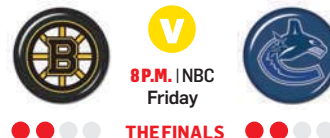
► Puck-moving defenseman Christian Ehrhoff has an injured shoulder that's preventing him from shooting the puck with his usual vigor.

► The Canucks' biggest loss has been Dan Hamhuis, the versatile veteran defenseman who hasn't played since hurting himself delivering a check in Game 1. (AP)

Backstory

The Canucks have experience in coming back from embarrassing losses during this postseason. After taking a 3-0 lead on the defending champion Chicago Blackhawks in the first round, they lost the next two games by a combined 12-2 — and then lost Game 6 with a start by Roberto Luongo's back-up, Cory Schneider. Vancouver hung on to win Game 7 in overtime, and the Canucks don't expect this breakthrough to be any easier. (AP)

couver's most faithful fans realize Luongo is struggling after allowing seven goals on the last 23 shots he faced in Boston.



Luongo reportedly was jeered by the crowds at public game-watching parties back in Vancouver when coach Alain Vigneault finally pulled him from Game 4 early in the third period.

Luongo was fidgety and quiet afterward, clearly eager to get away from Boston and hoping his blue home jersey will help restore what he lacked.

"We have two out of three with home-ice advantage, and that's what we've worked for all season,"

Luongo said. (AP)

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It's Better That Tiger Won't Show

Tiger Woods won't be missed at the U.S. Open next week.

Not the Tiger Woods who was going to show up in Bethesda, anyway. That golfer would have limped around the course until his left leg gave out or until he missed the cut — whichever



By Matt Swenson

would have come first.

By sitting out one of the top events of the year, Woods is giving himself a chance to return to the player he once was.

It's better for him, and it's better for the sport.

Just how desperate are golf fans to see the old Tiger? Last weekend, during a rain delay at the Memorial Open, CBS rebroadcast Woods' victory there two years ago.

We may yet see the Woods we all knew and loved — or, as in many cases, loved to hate.

The big question everyone asks is: Does Woods have any of his old game left in him, or will his personal turmoil and lingering injuries derail what could have been the best golf career of all time?

I think we may yet see the Woods we all knew and loved — or, as in many cases, loved to hate.

He's done surprisingly well in the two Masters he's played since the infamous Thanksgiving 2009 incident. This year's run was almost more remarkable, given his wounded leg.

Will the old Tiger Woods reappear this year? Probably not.

But if he is finally taking good care of himself, both mentally and physically, then we will have him to cheer for — or against — again someday in the near future.

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Preakness Winner Shackleford Isn't Feeling the Love at Belmont

Horse Racing

Talk about a tough crowd.

Dissed by the owner of Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom one day, dismissed as the third betting choice for the Belmont Stakes another, Preakness winner Shackleford is still considered an

underdog for Saturday's final leg of the Triple Crown.

What's trainer Dale Romans to think about his long, lanky 3-year-old colt?

"He's not getting the respect he deserves," Romans said Thursday at Belmont Park. "Let's see what happens after the race."

Shackleford has been getting the cold shoulder for months, having been sent off at odds of 68-1, 23-1 and 12-1 in his last three races.

"Every race he's run in he's been a long shot, and he's run well in every one of them," Romans said of Shackleford. "And he's improved with every race."

After Wednesday's post position draw, when Shackleford landed the outside No. 12 gate, more doubters emerged. "I would not have wanted to be in 1 or 12," Animal Kingdom's trainer Graham Motion said. "The 12 is right by the grandstand. I'm happy he is in the 12. It will make him work a little bit." (AP)

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Hearsay

“I don’t want to not play basketball. I don’t have any more years to be wasting.”



— **ALLEN IVERSON**, WHO TURNED 36 THIS WEEK, ON HIS DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE NBA AFTER PLAYING LAST SEASON IN TURKEY BEFORE GETTING INJURED.

A's Give Manager Geren the Boot

Pro Baseball

The Oakland Athletics fired manager Bob Geren on Thursday in the midst of a nine-game losing streak that has sent them tumbling to the bottom of the AL West standings.

Former Arizona manager Bob Melvin will take over for the rest of the season as interim manager in the first midseason managerial change for the organization in a quarter century.

Geren’s four-plus season tenure

at the helm in Oakland was marked by numerous injuries, a lack of offense and high-profile departures as he was unable to post a winning season. Geren posted a 334-376 record, including a 27-36 mark this season that has left Oakland eight games back in the AL West.

The beleaguered manager had come under criticism from his bullpen in recent weeks for a lack of communication with reliever Brian Fuentes, and former Oakland closer Huston Street publicly criticized him. (AP)

Ex-Terp Williams Is All Over the Map

After leaving school, forward tries to sell skills to NBA teams

Pro Basketball

Since Jordan Williams announced his decision to leave the University of Maryland after his sophomore year last month, experts have predicted he will go in the middle of the first round of the NBA draft, while other mock drafts have him waiting until the end of the second round.

Geographically, though, he’s been all over the map. “You kind of forget where you were,” said Williams, who has been auditioning for teams in the league ahead of the June 23 draft.

On Tuesday, he was back in familiar territory — at Verizon Center, working out in front of Washington Wizards coaches. “I lived here for two years,” said Williams, who has family in the D.C. area. “I’m excited to be around here. I felt comfortable being here.”

It’s possible Williams will be heading back to the area. The Wizards need a rebounder after finishing last season the fifth-worst in rebound differential. Williams was third in the country in rebounds last season (11.8 per game). “I think I can do a lot to help this team right away,” Williams said.

Since leaving school, Williams has tried to prove that, at 6 foot 9, he can make the transition from a college center to an NBA



Jordan Williams was a star at Maryland, but his draft stock isn’t very high.

Projection

It’s possible that the Wizards could reach for former Maryland star Jordan Williams with the 18th pick in the draft — the team’s second in the first round. However, a more likely scenario would feature Washington selecting the power forward with the fourth pick in the second round. J.B.

power forward. He has worked on improving his jump shot by making 145 shots every day and conditioning three times a day. He has lost almost 20 pounds — so much weight, he says, he’s actually had to gain some back.

“That was one of the main things I wanted to do in the off-season after Maryland, which is to develop my game and, obviously, trim my body down to show that I can play the forward position,” Williams said. **JOE BUBAR**



Thanks, but no Thanks

Terrelle Pryor isn’t interested in playing in the Canadian Football League. The former Ohio State quarterback — who announced Tuesday he would not return to Ohio State for his senior season in the wake of an NCAA suspension and ongoing investigation — was offered a deal by the Saskatchewan Roughriders, who own the CFL negotiating rights to Pryor. (AP)

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Major League Soccer

Returning from a successful two-game West Coast swing that netted a haul of four points against the Portland Timbers and Los Angeles Galaxy, D.C. United will look to continue its unbeaten streak, which has reached five games.

The problem is, its next opponent, the San Jose Earthquakes, will be looking to do the same thing.

After both teams took their lumps through relatively slow starts, D.C. and San Jose have found a bit of a groove. Both are unbeaten in their past five matches, and both enter Saturday's match at RFK Stadium with 4-4-4 records.

D.C. has held teams to just four



Steven Lenhart, right, is expected to see key action for San Jose on Saturday.

goals during its streak, including shutouts of Western Conference powers Los Angeles and FC Dallas. San Jose, meanwhile, has proved to be a second-half team, scoring nine of its 10 goals in its recent unbeaten run in the second halves of its games.

"They're very typical of a Frank Yallop-[coached] team," D.C. assistant coach Chad Ashton said of the Earthquakes. "They're a team that fights for each other; they're a team that stays together and works hard for each other, and you're going to have to claw and scratch and match their energy."

San Jose will be without leading goal-scorer Chris Wondolowski and fellow starting attacker Ryan John-

son. Both are away on CONCACAF Gold Cup duty, with Wondolowski, the 2010 MLS Golden Boot winner (his 18 goals led the league), representing the United States and Johnson suiting up for Jamaica.

Former Columbus Crew striker Steven Lenhart is one who figures to get the nod up top for the Earthquakes. The burly, physical forward had his finest performance of the season in San Jose's 2-0 win over Houston last week, the first game that Wondolowski missed for international duty.

"Lenhart's a handful up top, so it'll be a challenge for our backs again, but they've stepped up to the challenges lately," said D.C. midfielder Chris Pontius. **AVI CREDITOR**



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D.C.-San Jose Primer

► **Return to health:** D.C. fullback Jed Zayner (hamstring) should make his return to first-team action after missing five games; Midfielder Junior Carreiro (ankle) is expected to be available for the first time all year, and captain Dax McCarty (groin) is fit after missing two games.

► **Zip Lines:** D.C. defenders Perry Kitchen and Chris Korb, and San Jose midfielder Anthony Ampaipitakwong were teammates on the Akron Zips, last year's NCAA champs.

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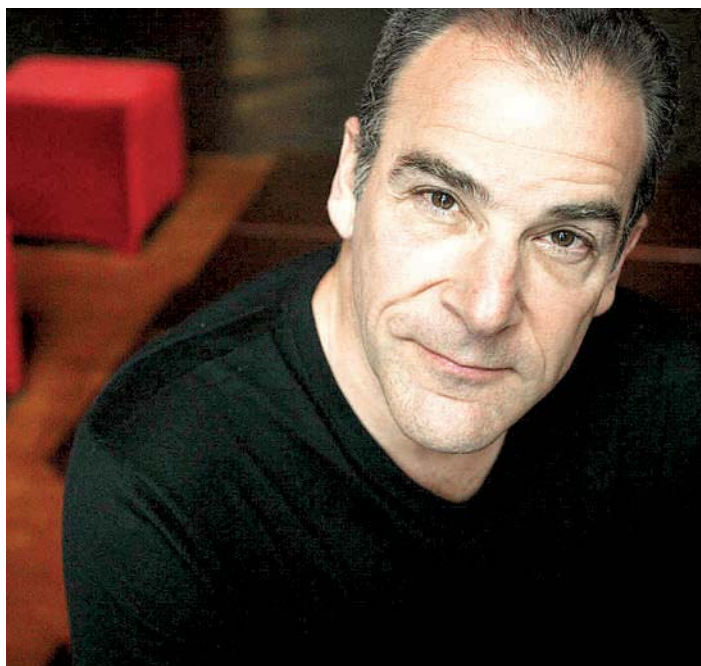
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Mandy Patinkin

SINGER, ACTOR, LYRICS JUNKIE

Mandy Patinkin is a conqueror. He's won a Tony for his stage role in "Evita" and an Emmy for his part on TV's "Chicago Hope." But his passion is music, at which he's a self-described plagiarizer. Rather than write tunes, he takes others' works and strings them into shows. He'll be covering songs by Stephen Sondheim and others tonight at 8 at the Music Center at Strathmore (5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; Strathmore.org).

How do you choose which songs to include in your concerts?

I'm a lyric-driven fellow, so it's the stories that matter to me. I've never found that a song with good lyrics doesn't have good enough music.

You're best known for playing Inigo Montoya in 1987's "The

Princess Bride." Did you think it would have such staying power?

When you do a film or any job, you do it because you hope it will be a good time and you think you'll like the people. You have no idea if it's going to end up living and having a successful short life or, God knows, a long life like "Princess Bride" has had.

You've worked with the likes of Barbra Streisand and Elmo. What was your favorite role?

I always like to think it's my next one. But I have been so blessed. My favorite role is being a husband to my wife and a father to my two children, Isaac and Gideon. But my favorite job in show business is my concert career. If you told me I could only do one thing and I had to pick and I couldn't act or

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"There's this endless ... reservoir of material by geniuses. ... I get to be a mailman and deliver their goods."

How old were you when you started singing?

I was 7. At the synagogue, I sang in the boys' choir and the family choir every Friday night and Saturday in the south side of Chicago. My synagogue was just a couple blocks away from Barack Obama's house. I don't think he lived there when I was a little boy.

When did you realize you'd have a career in music?

I was in high school. My mother said that the Young Men's Jewish Youth Center in the area was doing a play. I said to her, "Oh, you don't know me at all. That's not for me." A guy in fifth-period lunch said to me one day that they were short of some guys who were doing the show and would I be interested. I went over, got a part in the show, and I had the best time ever. I fell in love with it.

What's on your iPod right now?

My favorite thing to listen to is my son, Gideon Grody-Patinkin. He's a beautiful writer and musician.

STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

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Hot Ticks

DID YOU REALLY

want that flashy Rolex/Tag Heuer for graduation/Father's Day? Eleven Eleven's new men's colored metal and patent leather-strap watches elevate timepieces from stolid to statement. Just in stock at Barneys Co-Op in Georgetown (3040 M St. NW; 202-350-5832), the bright ideas (from \$211) come in combos such as gray and grape, and kelly green and cobalt. Plus, you can buy extra straps, assuring nobody will mistake you for your old man.

Urbane Legend

3 **OUR GUY SIGNIFICANT OTHER** usually won't go near whatever Disney Princess-y exfoliant we have in the shower. (Even Aladdin would recoil from Jasmine's Jasmine Body Polish.) But Krigler's Rich Micro Scrub (\$51, Krigler.com), a grainy-but-not-too-gritty skin smoother, kept mysteriously disappearing from the tub the week we tested it. Was it due to the subtle primrose and almond-oil scent or the tingly polish effect? Only his strange-yet-less-scaly male body knows.



4 Vintage 2.0

NANCY. BETTY. Mildred Dorothy. You know you're headed to the glory days of Americana with those names. But Suzabelle? The retro, Hitchcock heroine bombshell line, new at Caramel (1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930), has a vintage-gone-San Fran vibe with its fitted bodices and sleek '60s lines. Canadian designer Suzanne Jaberg's Kingsley dress (\$185, shown) and steel sunburst sheath (\$195) mix mod with modern for a ladylike update on bygone glam.



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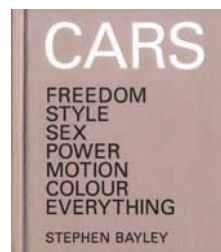
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Beauty and the Boast

THE TITLE "CARS: FREEDOM STYLE SEX POWER MOTION COLOUR EVERYTHING" is taken from a Tom Wolfe quote; taken literally, it's quite the overstatement. The small but shouty book (\$20, Octopus), just 6 inches wide, does contain CARS — 86 milestones in automotive history. The lack of COLOUR is forgivable: The tasteful black-and-white portraits lend gravitas even to the atrocity that is the Nissan Cube. As for SEX, author Stephen Bayley calls the 1961 Jaguar E-Type, above, "phallic," so we'll allow it.



Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Now that summer has arrived, I've been tempted to don a pair of airy mandals to wear with my summer-weight suits. My wife advises me that this would be very bad. What do you suggest? — ROB

Manolo says, yes, it is true, not since the waning days of the Roman Empire have the toes of serious men been so conspicuously in evidence. Indeed, earlier this year, his Honorable Excellency, the President Barack H. Obama, was photographed eating the Hawaiian snow cone while wearing



the polo shirt, board shorts and the flip-flops, his presidential toes exposed for the entire world to see.

One cannot imagine the Dwight Eisenhower or the Teddy Roosevelt, or even the Grover Cleveland appearing in the public place in mandals, much less the Wal-Mart flip-flops, but, clearly, such bygone standards of dress and comportment no longer apply in our informal age, to the point that the most powerful man in the world feels free to let his hairy toes breathe fresh air.

The Manolo says, do not be that man. Do not give in to the temptation to dress like the 10-year-old boy on the way to the comic book store. Do not be "That Man With the Toes." Take pride in your appearance and cover your toes for the sake of humanity and the protection of your womenfolk.

Here is the Henley II (\$346, Zappos.com) from the Ralph Lauren Collection, the traditional two-tone oxford, the shoe that has been recognized as the gentlemanly response to the heat of summer.



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summer**From:** Your Inner Stylish Dude**To:** Joe Everyguy, Washington, D.C.

Lately, I've been noticing that the hotter-than-a-Weber-grill temperatures have been wilting your usually smoking sense of style. But just because it's summer, that doesn't mean that your living — and dressing — needs to be too easy or greasy. (Um, that Nats cap you've been wearing to work has ketchup stains and a lousy batting average with chicks! Plus, casual Friday does not green-light flip-flops on the Senate floor.)

Holding yourself (ourself?) to our usual sartorial standards when it feels like the surface of Mercury outside means grabbing a few seasonal essentials — a crisp seersucker suit, clipper-ready boat shoes and a pair of chinos in a bright red or green. Yeah, I doubted the OK-ness of the last thing, but Cory Ohlendorf, editor of hip online menswear pub Valetmag.com (and a former Express contributor) assured me: "They're a great way to add a bit of rebellion to your summer wardrobe. Old preps call them 'Go to hell pants.'"

And we can keep the Nats lid, but, "A fedora or porkpie hat has an old-school, rakish charm," Ohlendorf says. "Since they're woven from materials like straw and linens, they're a lot cooler — literally — than a ball cap."

You're welcome. And you can buy me (and Cory) some beers later in gratitude.

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Shorts can be long on style if they're slim and sleek like these by Tommy Hilfiger (**\$49, 3229 M St. NW; 202-333-9311**). Rock them with other summer essentials such as a lightweight cardigan (**\$218, J. Crew stores**), a chambray shirt (**\$60, Club Monaco, Fashion Centre at Pentagon City; 703-413-6642**), hip-again Polo boat shoes (**\$59, Piperlime.com**) and aviator sunglasses (**\$50, Landsend.com**), which bring on the Steve McQueen bravado.



On the Cover: Billy Reid's seersucker suit and faded red oxford (**\$595 jacket, \$295 pants, \$175 shirt, Billy-reid.com**) updates Rat Pack punch. Tyler wears it with a Rag & Bone fedora, a skinny tie (**\$130 and \$75, Lost Boys, 1033 31st St. NW; 202-333-0093**) and a J. Crew woven leather belt (**\$55**).

styles **lookout**

A pale sport coat like this one from Theory (**\$475, Lost Boys**) plays well with jeans or matching suit pants.



It's steamy on K Street, but inside the movie theater/bar, it's 45-below. Fight AC overdose with Rag & Bone's cardigan (**\$285, Lost Boys**).



For a fresh take on a chambray shirt, Land's End Canvas' pop-over (**\$35, Canvas.landsend.com**) works for weekend cookouts or days in the cubicle.



Whether you're surfing in Rehoboth or hanging by the Skyline pool, retro board shorts, (**\$65, Southmoonunder.com**) look and feel cool.



Keep your summer 'tude slightly cheeky with colored chinos — like these bright green ones (**\$59, Tommy Hilfiger**). Don them with a neutral or bright polo, you big prep.



Grandpa's wing tips go 21st century in slightly weathered leather (**\$225, Nordstrom.com**). Try 'em with your summer suits or slim jeans.



Shipshape: a straw fedora (**\$45, South Moon Under**) and boat shoes (**\$79.50, Land's End Canvas**).



A silver watch (**\$100, Southmoonunder.com**) and a woven belt (**\$55, J. Crew**) lighten your look.



The Reelist

FOCUS FEATURES

Anna and Regret

I chickened out when I interviewed Mike Mills, the writer-director of "Beginners," which opens today.

When I first saw the film (not knowing I'd not only interview Mills, but also host a Q&A where he was the speaker), a lot of my notes focused on the character of Anna, played by Mel-



By Kristen Page-Kirby

anie Laurent. Mostly because I hated her. Not because she's an annoying, whiny commitment-phobe, but because she's the epitome of what the Onion's A.V. Club has termed "the Manic

Pixie Dream Girl." This is essentially the woman who shows up in an indie film, flits about being impossibly quirky, and then melts the protagonist's heart.

It's lazy storytelling at best and offensive at worst (in "Beginners," Anna meets Ewan McGregor's Oliver at a party where she can't speak because of laryngitis. Oh, good, the perfect woman for you literally has no voice.) But when I interviewed Mills, I didn't challenge him on it.

He's said in other interviews that both Oliver and Anna are actually based on himself, so maybe Anna — a French actress who's estranged from her suicidal father — is the part of him who doesn't fit in, who is constantly outside the norm and haunted by issues he can't control.

But I never gave Mills a chance to make his case because I never asked. And now I want to kick myself more than I ever wanted to kick Anna.

@ Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: expressnightout.com/thereelist



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

In "Super 8," Joe Lamb (Joel Courtney) suspects something is afoot — and it's up to his father (Kyle Chandler) to quell the hysteria.

Back to the Future

J.J. Abrams channels his inner Spielberg for the nostalgic summer blockbuster 'Super 8'

Film Review

In "Super 8," J.J. Abrams' ardent love letter to the Steven Spielberg films that inspired him as a kid, a chubby would-be director named Charles (Riley Griffiths) keeps running around his small Ohio home town, framing its cul-de-sacs and tract homes with his hands and calling for "more production value."

Charles is shooting his own zombie movie — on the Kodak

home movie film stock that gives "Super 8" its name — and he has commandeered his adolescent friends to work on his cast and crew, already evincing the ambitious vision and bullheaded energy that define directors at their most gifted and tyrannical.

Even at their most meta, the scenes of Charles' movie-within-a-movie turn out to be the best parts of "Super 8," which takes more than a few pages from such Spielberg-directed-or-produced classics as "E.T.," "Back to the Future," "The Goonies" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Set in 1979, this is a pop-culture nostalgia trip that feels as if

Super 8 (PG-13)

► **Director:** J.J. Abrams

► **Stars:** Kyle Chandler, Elle Fanning and Riley Griffiths

► **In a Nutshell:** While making an amateur horror movie, three children discover a monster is looming.

► **For Fans Of:** "The Goonies," "E.T.," "Poltergeist"

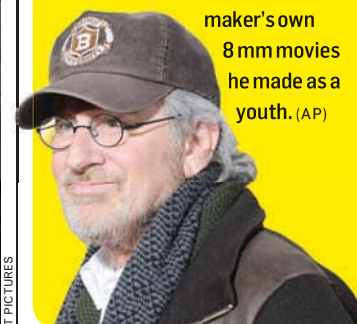
it's been beamed from a sweeter, more innocent time.

While Charles and his team are filming a nighttime scene at a train station, they inadvertently record a horrific accident that ends up drawing the attention of the U.S.

Connections**Child's Play**

Super 8 films were what brought J.J. Abrams and Steven Spielberg together in the first place. In his mid-teens, Abrams and pal Matt Reeves (who directed the Abrams-produced "Cloverfield") were featured in an article about a Los Angeles Super 8 festival. Spielberg's office contacted Abrams and Reeves with a job offer they could not pass up: restoring the blockbuster filmmaker's own

8 mm movies he made as a youth. (AP)



Air Force. Charles' special-effects guy, Joe Lamb (Joel Courtney), is convinced that something is afoot, between the mysterious military ops, an electrical grid gone haywire and a epidemic of missing dogs. As he tries to get to the bottom of it, he finds support in Alice Dainard (Elle Fanning), the zombie movie's leading lady, who he has long crushed on from afar.

Ultimately, it falls to Joe's father, Jack (Kyle Chandler), a square-jawed deputy sheriff, to quell the rising hysteria as the town is invaded by a monster that, in the best tradition of Spielberg (who produced his own homage here), remains unseen through most of the movie.

Just what and who the monster is forms the central question of "Super 8." But despite Abrams' best efforts to ratchet up the tension, the mystery never takes compelling hold, a weakness that becomes especially clear in the movie's anticlimax of an ending. **ANN HORNBADY** (THE WASHINGTON POST)



A Face-Off Over 'Hangover 2': Ed Helms' face might look very different when "The Hangover: Part II" comes to DVD and Blu-ray in December. Warner Bros. told a judge that if it can't resolve the legal tussle over the tattoo by the time the film comes out on home video, the studio will digitally alter the controversial mark on Helms' face. A Missouri tattoo artist claims he owns a copyright on the unique mark first worn by Mike Tyson. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

'Beginners' Fetes Life

A family-centric film explores how to start again after stopping

Film Review

You know you're in the hands of a superbly gifted filmmaker when he can pull off a talking dog.

In fact, the wise Jack Russell terrier whose telepathic pronouncements punctuate the action like so many Zen koans is just one of the myriad pleasures in Mike Mills' tender, sharply observed movie "Beginners."

The story of a middle-aged man who learns that his father is gay, only to lose him to cancer a few years later, "Beginners" traces the effect of both cataclysms on the younger man's nascent relationship with a fetching French actress. Along the way, Mills, who wrote the script largely from events in his own life, addresses issues of history, culture, Los Angeles' graffiti subculture and, yes, telepathic canines with deft, perceptive finesse.



Christopher Plummer, left, and Ewan McGregor star as a father and son learning when to dive in and when to let go in "Beginners."

"Beginners" (R)

- **Director:** Mike Mills
- **Stars:** Ewan McGregor, Christopher Plummer and Mélanie Laurent
- **In a Nutshell:** A young man is rocked by news that his elderly father has terminal cancer and that he has a young male lover.
- **For Fans Of:** "Everybody's Fine," "The Beaver," "Fried Green Tomatoes"

Jumping around in time — from flashbacks of growing up in a house where so much went unspoken, to his father, Hal's (Christopher Plummer), coming out to just before his death — the movie focuses on Oliver's (Ewan McGregor) efforts to untangle how his parents' marriage informed his own fears of commitment. This is brought into even sharper relief when he meets an actress named Anna (Mélanie

Laurent) soon after Hal dies.

Even though "Beginners" entails weighty end-of-life issues, it's kept aloft by such grace notes of pure whimsy.

Happy, sad. Personal, universal. Heavy, light. "Beginners" shatters lots of false dichotomies, finding joy in the gray area where even life's most contradictory forces coexist to form a coherent whole.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Deep Treasures In 'Submarine'

A teenager offers wry observations while trying to stay afloat

Film Review

Oliver Tate, the precocious 15-year-old hero of the mostly charming movie "Submarine" and the 2008 novel by Joe Dunthorne on which it's based, is prone to startling assessments. Here's one, made after he experiences the second kiss of his young life: "Her mouth tasted like milk, Polo mints and Dunhill International."

That vaguely unappetizing yet hyper-observant description — much like the film in which it appears — is an incongruous thing, suggesting something at once old-fashioned, fresh and even a little thrilling.

The film centers on Oliver (Craig Roberts), who provides the film's wry, first-person narration from a teenager who lives in the Welsh seaside town of Swansea with his parents Lloyd (a mopey Noah Taylor) and Jill (a chilly Sally Hawkins).

The first feature from writer-director Richard Ayoade, a British comedian and actor, opens with Oli-



Noah Taylor, above, and Sally Hawkins, below, portray parents in "Submarine."

ver in hot pursuit of Jordana (Yasmin Page), who is as unromantic as he is romantic. That they eventually share a kiss tells you he's not a total

"Submarine" (R)

- **Director:** Richard Ayoade
- **Stars:** Craig Roberts, Noah Taylor and Sally Hawkins
- **In a Nutshell:** Young Oliver has two objectives: to lose his virginity soon and to extinguish the flame between his mother and an ex-lover.
- **For Fans Of:** "An Education," and "Akeelah and the Bee"

loser. In the movie poster, Oliver is shown up to his eyeballs in what appears to be water. And water is a prominent leitmotif, with scenes of submersion occurring again and again. But his other preoccupations — namely to thwart his mother's imagined affair — suggest a grip on reality less firm than his commitment to vocabulary building. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Stand-up comic Ahmed Ahmed chronicles his journey to Dubai in "Just Like Us."

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Film Review

When it comes to career choices, stand-up comedy is no picnic. It can be hard to distinguish a joke that will spark amusement from one that will provoke hurled tomatoes. Or in the case of Egyptian-American comedian Ahmed Ahmed, it might be difficult to predict what quip will get you banned from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for a year (a crack about Islam).

To his credit, Ahmed didn't give up but decided to return to Dubai, chronicling his journey there, and to three other Arab locales, in the documentary "Just Like Us." His intention was to bridge cultures through a comedy tour featuring a roster of first-rate entertainers, and it's interesting, even if it doesn't quite warrant the title.

The documentary's mission seems twofold: enlightening U.S. film audiences about Arab culture and encouraging the burgeoning comedy scene overseas. As such, the movie boasts a few firsts, including the first stand-up comedy show in Alexandria, Egypt.

If the finished product doesn't quite bridge the gap between cultures, at least it's an entertaining. And the ultimate message seems to be "make laughs, not war." Who would want to argue with that? STEPHANIE MERRY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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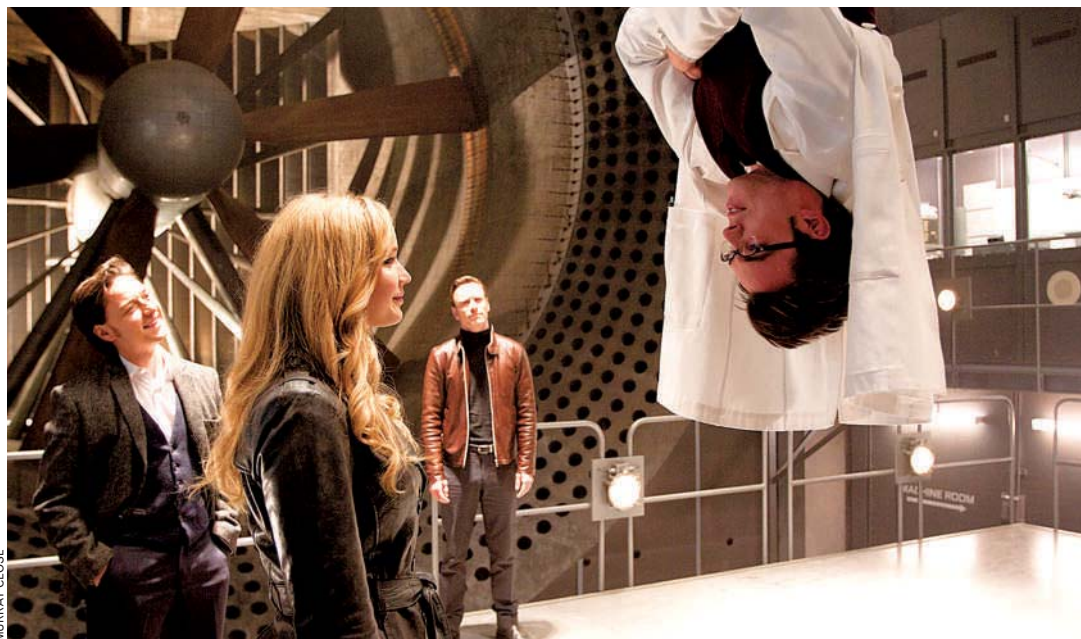


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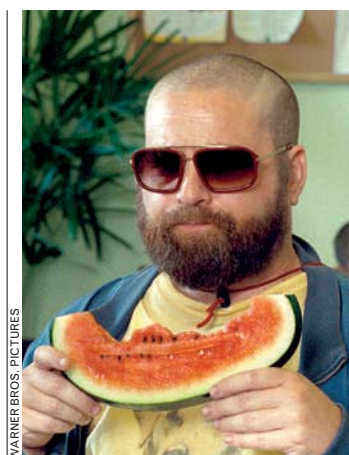
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From left: James McAvoy, Jennifer Lawrence, Michael Fassbender and Nicholas Hoult talk shop in "X-Men: First Class."

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THE BEAVER (PG-13, 91 minutes) In a triumph of cinema over celebrity gossip, "The Beaver" simply draws us into the story that Mel Gibson and director Jodie Foster want to tell. That story begins with Walter (Gibson), a man living apart from his spouse and two sons, sleepwalking through his job and self-medicating. He tries to commit suicide twice, and he can't even pull that off. He awakens after both attempts with a furry, beady-eyed beaver puppet attached to his hand. Suddenly, Walter is talking to himself using the beaver as his proxy. He tells Walter to get up and pull himself together. And that's precisely what the man does, returning home, beginning to slowly rebuild bonds with his wife, Meredith (Foster), and their younger son, Henry, all while communicating via an inanimate dam builder that sounds like Michael Caine. **JEN CHANEY**
BRIDESMAIDS (R, 125 minutes) Kristen Wiig plants a bawdy, brave and brashly feminist flag in the male-dominated raunch-com genre with "Bridesmaids." Wiig plays Annie, a would-be cupcake entrepreneur whose business has taken it in the ganache with the economic downturn and whose love life consists of impromptu booty calls from her loathsome narcissistic sex buddy, Ted (Jon Hamm). When Annie learns that her



Zach Galifianakis reprises his awkward alter ego in "The Hangover: Part II."

lifelong best friend, Lillian, is engaged — and that Annie is to be the maid of honor — the new reality sends her into a tailspin of envy, grief and self-loathing. But when it turns out that Lillian's bridal party will also include the rich, thin, impossibly appropriate Helen Harris III (Rose Byrne), Annie's insecurities metastasize into a florid case of overpowering Id. **A.H.**
EVERYTHING MUST GO (R, 100 minutes) "Everything Must Go" is a movie about a yard sale, the way Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" is a play about a real estate auction. Both statements are true, but they tell only half the story. "Everything Must Go" has been described, somewhat tentatively, as a "dramedy." But despite a trailer that makes it look like a yuk-fest, the laughs are few and far between. Here, Raymond Carver brings us the tale

of an alcoholic named Nick Halsey (Will Ferrell) who, in the space of 24 hours, loses his job, his wife, his house, his bank account and his bearings. There's a certain desperate absurdity to that, along with a lot of pain. But comic it ain't. **M.O.**
FAST FIVE (PG-13, 130 minutes) The "Fast" series has followed the dangerous exploits of monotone street racer Dom Toretto (Vin Diesel) and Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker), the ex-cop who gradually became Dom's high-flying partner in crime. The duo's latest impossible mission takes place in and around Rio de Janeiro's congested favelas, where Toretto's crew uses vital information stored on a stolen microchip to rob a sadistic drug kingpin (oily Joaquim de Almeida), all while avoiding Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson), the road-raging federal bounty hunter ordered to bring these fugitives to justice. **SEAN O'CONNELL**
HANNA (PG-13, 111 minutes) The mesmerizing heroine of "Hanna" — a semi-feral 16-year-old raised by her stay-at-home dad in the permafrost forests of Finland — can rattle off facts and figures about anatomy and geography in seven languages, but she's also a ruthless killing machine. Hanna has activated some kind of electronic homing beacon that tells the movie's bad girl, Marissa Wiegler (Cate Blanchett), just where to find them. In short order, "Hanna" turns into a classic popcorn movie, subclassification: chase flick. Eat with one hand, because you'll need the other to hang onto your seat, as the film lunges from Finland to Morocco

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to Spain to Germany, where Erik and his daughter have agreed to rendezvous. **M.O. HESHER** (R, 102 minutes) Bad role models sometimes make the most interesting movie characters. The ill-mannered, unkempt, foulmouthed and hot-tempered title character of "Hesher" is just such a walking contradiction. The long-haired, tattooed loner (played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is not the focal point of the film. Rather, it's T. J. Forney (Devin Brochu), a grieving middle-schooler who has lost his mother in a car accident. When the film opens, T.J. is pretty much on his own, with his father, Paul (Rainn Wilson), stuck in a stupor of prescription medication and self-pity, and his grandmother Madeleine lost in a fog of incipient dementia. When we first meet Hesher, he's living in an abandoned building. After T.J. throws a rock through his window — inadvertently bringing the attention of the police — Hesher must find a new home. Soon he's set up camp in the Forneys' garage. **M.O.**

THE HANGOVER: PART II (R, 102 minutes) A veritable textbook case of what not to do when re-making a comedy that depended on sheer surprise for most of its appeal, "The Hangover Part II" also inadvertently points out the weaknesses of the first movie. In "Part II," director Todd Phillips follows the first movie beat-for-beat, switching a character and location here and there but never straying far from the original template. The movie opens with Bradley Cooper's Phil — scruffy, sweaty, red-eyed — dolefully calling Tracy, the impending bride from the first movie, to tell her that, once again, "We [screwed] up." By "we," of course, he means Alan (Zach Galifianakis) and Stu (Ed Helms), who is about to be married in Thailand. Once the posse lands in Thailand, "just one beer" two nights before the wedding turns into a similar bender, with the three principals awaking in a Bangkok hotel room with a monkey in a Rolling Stones vest and no memory of how they got there. **A.H.**

HOBOWITH A SHOTGUN (Unrated, 86 minutes) "Hobo" breathes new life into the demented realm of grindhouse cinema — a world that had grown pretty stale to this point. Rutger Hauer plays the title role of the hobo, a down-on-his-luck loner who rides the rails into Hope Town and finds a stark reality that's beyond bleak. Among the degenerates the hobo encounters roaming the streets are a pedophile in a Santa suit who kidnaps

Brad Pitt and Jessica Chastain play a couple raising a household of boys in 1950s Texas in Terrence Malick's "Tree of Life."



Jack Black voices Po the panda in the cute, critter-filled "Kung Fu Panda 2."

children and a sleazy mongrel who pays homeless men \$10 so he can torture them on camera. When Hauer's hobo finds himself caught in the middle of a pawn shop robbery, our "hero" plunks his last few dollars on the weapon of the title so he can clean up this filthy town — or, in reality, make it more grimy with the blood of the criminals he blows away. **S.O.** **KUNG FU PANDA 2** (PG, 92 minutes) In the satisfying, if less than sensational, sequel to the funny, charming and action-packed animated feature from 2008, Po the panda (voice of Jack Black) returns in pursuit of inner peace, the defeat of a murderous peacock (Gary Oldman) and

the truth about what happened to his real parents. What? You didn't actually think that Mr. Ping (James Hong), the noodle-making Chinese goose from the first movie who raised Po as his son, was actually our hero's biological father, did you? The new movie puts that question to rest. It's both a story about Po's search for his origins and a reckoning with the bad guy responsible for Po's identity crisis. **M.O.** **MEEK'S CUTOFF** (PG, 104 minutes) On the Oregon Trail in 1845, a group of settlers crosses a swollen creek, carefully leading oxen and slowly hand-carrying their belongings to the other side. The action is wordless, grim and carried out with uncomplaining stoicism. The immigrants, three families, are led by Stephen Meek (Bruce Greenwood), a guide who has assured them that he knows of a shortcut through the Cascade Mountains. Meek's a brash big-talker, but a trip that he assured them would take two weeks has now lengthened into five. Keeping their own counsel are Emily and Solomon Tetherow (Michelle Williams, and Will Patton), a middle-aged couple with few illusions about what awaits them or whether they'll even get there. **A.H.** **MIDNIGHT IN PARIS** (PG-13, 94 minutes) From its rapturous opening sequence,

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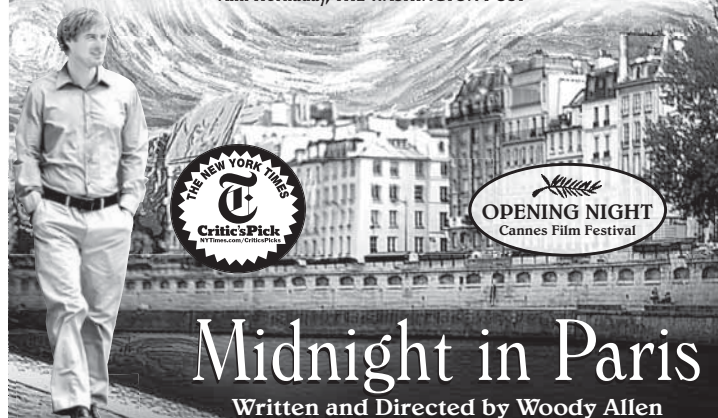
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"Midnight in Paris" announces that Woody Allen has returned to at least one of his most beloved forms. "Midnight in Paris" finds Allen in a lark, slightly tart and altogether bountiful mood. Owen Wilson

plays Gil, a screenwriter and would-be serious author who's visiting Paris with his fiancée, Inez (Rachel McAdams), and her parents. Gil is besotted with the Paris of the 1920s, when his heroes F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway traded dry martinis and even drier barbs with the likes of Gertrude Stein and Pablo Picasso. Inez and her family, on the other hand, couldn't care less. The mood is

doubly spoiled when they bump into Paul (Michael Sheen), an old college crush of Inez's, now an incorrigible pedant. **A.H. PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES** (PG-13, 128 minutes) "On Stranger Tides" feels as fresh and bracingly exhilarating as the day Jack Sparrow first swashed his buckle, infusing new reckless energy into a franchise that shows no signs of furling its sails.

Anchored by playful androgynous Johnny Depp as the ever-cheeky Captain Jack, "On Stranger Tides" marks the return of stock "Pirates" players Geoffrey Rush (as Hector Barbossa) and Kevin R. McNally as friend and confederate Joshamee Gibbs. And it welcomes two new characters to the fold who slip into its fanciful, sometimes gently ribald world with uncanny ease: Ian McShane delivers a

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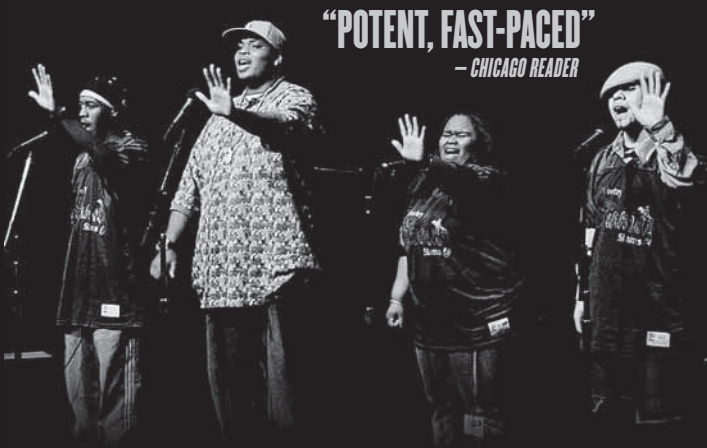
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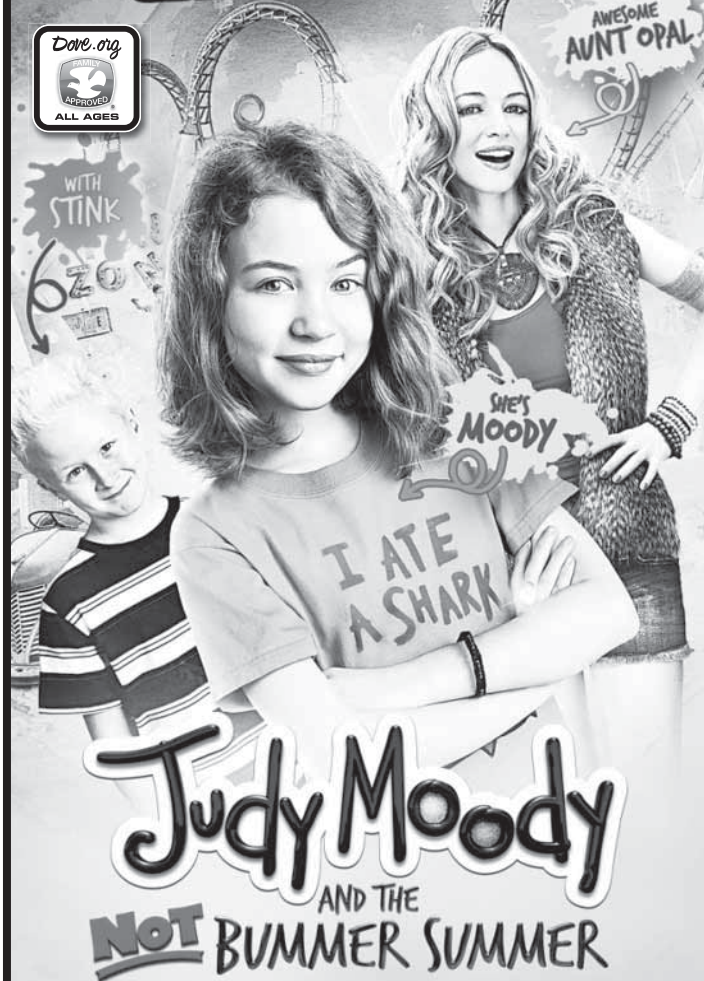
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ruthless turn as the notorious Blackbeard. And Penelope Cruz delivers an appropriately smoldering turn as a mysterious pirate named Angelica, whose storied past with Jack becomes clear in a few neat expository strokes. **A.H.** **SOMETHING BORROWED** (PG-13, 103 minutes) This sporadically comedic romantic drama focuses on Rachel White (Ginnifer Goodwin), a successful lawyer who offers herself up as the world's doormat. Unattached and having just turned 30, Rachel is feeling forlorn, which is compounded by the fact that her best friend, Darcy (Kate Hudson), is marrying Rachel's law school crush. After a few drinks, Rachel tells Darcy's fiancé, Dexter, about her longstanding infatuation. Before you know it, the two are in bed and Rachel, who has always been a model best friend, is suddenly the Other Woman. **STEPHANIE MERRY**



Owen Wilson and Rachel McAdams visit the City of Lights in "Midnight in Paris."

THE TREE OF LIFE (PG-13, 138 minutes) The sprawling story of a man's quest to reconcile a contradictory parental legacy, "The Tree of Life" ties that search to more metaphysical questions having to do with God, creation, truth and beauty. As a character named Mr. O'Brien, Brad Pitt plays the patriarch of the 1950s family that lives in a leafy Texas suburb. A hard-jawed, embittered martinet, Mr. O'Brien brings up his three boys with a toxic combination of intimidation and commanding affection. Less a narrative than a series of sharp shards of memory, the next segment of "The Tree of Life" traces his life with Father, whose mercurial, fearsome force Jack fuses with God's power at its most fickle and inscrutable. **A.H.**

THOR (PG-13, 115 minutes) "Thor" divides the world neatly into two camps. On one side are those who will recognize the names Volstagg, Hogun, Fandral and Sif

as Thor's homeboys and homegirl from Asgard. In the film, Lady Sif and the Warriors Three, as they're known, follow their exiled and now largely powerless friend from Asgard to Earth, where Thor must learn the lesson of humility before he can again pick up his mighty hammer, called Mjolnir—or, as astrophysicist Darcy calls it, sarcastically, "myeh-nyeh"—and return home to defeat his usurping brother, Loki.

On the other side are those for whom this whole thing sounds like just a bunch of myeh-nyeh. Even the bad guys wreaking havoc back in Asgard, called Frost Giants, seem more of a threat to frozen peas than to the future of the nine realms. **M.O.**

X-MEN: FIRST CLASS (PG-13, 131 minutes) "First Class" begins, like the comic book series itself, in 1944. That's when a young German boy named Erik Lehnsherr

watches his parents being hauled off to Auschwitz. In a fit of fear and rage, he bends the metal gate separating him from his family, commanding the attention of a scientist eager to harness young Erik's telekinetic powers. Twenty years later, the grown Erik (Michael Fassbender) contemplates his revenge against the man who went on to ruin his life and who now goes by the name of Sebastian

Shaw. Meanwhile, the genially telepathic Charles Xavier (James McAvoy) is earning his doctorate in genetic research at Oxford, with his shape-shifting friend and surrogate sister, Raven (Jennifer Lawrence), by his side. **A.H.**

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1 Computer Age
Ostensibly, the 1957 film “Desk Set” is about workers fearing they’ll be replaced by the computers being brought in to help them do research. Never fear, ‘50s people! Those computers are just to help you waste time more effectively! Really, of course, the movie is about the sizzling romance between two total nerds played by Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy (pictured). The movie will screen outdoors at the Hillwood Friday night. **Hillwood Estate, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW; Fri., 8:30 p.m., \$15; 202-686-5807, Hillwoodmuseum.org. (Van Ness)**

2 SO Not a Sonata
The lives of artists have been well-mined for drama, but there’s something about the brittle arena of orchestral music that’s scarier than the everything-out-there anger associated with rock music — emotions always bubble up somewhere. Michael Hollinger’s play “Opus” investigates the sexually charged, tension-filled world of classical music — a string quartet coming unstrung due to jealousy, sadness and ambition. **Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; through July 3, \$26-\$54; 301-924-4485, Olneytheatre.org.**

3 Jam Band Jamboree
Phish, everyone’s favorite jam band, is back together and touring again after a hiatus of several years. They reunited in 2009 (including frontman Trey Anastasio, pictured) with the proclamation that the band had kicked the drugs. Have the Wookies (the hairy, unwashed fans who follow the band) kicked the drugs, too? We have no information at this time. **Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; Sat. and Sun., 5:30 p.m., \$45-\$60; 410-715-5550, Merriweathermusic.com.**



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3111 K Street N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com
The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Presentation: 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:45-10:45
Movie Times
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 10:30-1:20-4:10-7:00-10:15
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:55-5:00-8:15-11:35
Bridesmaids (R) CC-Closed Captions: 11:55-3:15-6:15-9:30-12:30
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:35
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:05-9:50-12:05
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:10-12:10-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-6:50-7:50-9:20-10:20-11:40
Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) AMC INDEPENDENT/RealD 3D: 12:25-2:50-5:30-8:00
Bridesmaids (R) 11:55-12:55-3:15-4:15-6:15-7:15-9:30-10:30-12:30
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) (I) 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:40-11:55
The Hangover Part II (R) 10:35-1:00-3:45-6:45-9:45-12:20
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 11:30-12:30-3:00-4:00-6:30-7:30-10:00-11:00
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 12:20-3:10-6:00-9:15-12:00

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:00-1:00-4:10-7:20-10:30
AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) Club Cinema-Over 21/Digital Presentation: 10:10-12:40-3:10
The Hangover Part II (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21/Digital Presentation: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:30-8:50
Bridesmaids (R) 10:20-1:20-4:15-7:40-10:35
The Hangover Part II (R) Club Cinema-Over 21/Digital Presentation: 5:40-8:10-10:40
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:20
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org
Bridesmaids (R) 11:40-2:15-5:00-7:45
Super 8 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:30-8:15

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com
13 Assassins (R) 9:30-12:00
The Last Mountain (PG) 2:10-4:40-7:10
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 12:45-2:15-3:15-4:45-5:45-7:15-8:15-9:45-10:45
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) 12:00AM
City of Life and Death (Nanjing! Nanjing!) (R) 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:50
The Tree of Life (PG-13) (I) 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:15-10:30-12:00
Just Like Us (R) 1:45-3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com
Thor (PG-13) Digital Projection: 11:50-5:20-8:00
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) Digital Projection: 11:45-4:20-8:55
The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Projection: 12:00
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 12:35-10:10
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Digital Projection: 3:40-6:50
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 12:50-1:30-4:00-4:40-7:10-7:50-10:20-10:45
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 2:30-10:40
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 11:30-2:20-3:00-5:20-6:20-8:10-9:10-10:50-12:00
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 2:00-6:40-11:20
Bridesmaids (R) 1:10-4:10-7:30-10:30
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 11:55-2:10-4:25-7:05-9:20-11:35
The Hangover Part II (R) CC/DA: 1:40, 1:00-3:30-4:30-6:10-7:20-9:00-9:50-11:30-12:20
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) (I) 11:40-12:10-2:40-3:20-5:40-6:30-8:50-9:30-11:50-12:30
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 12:50-3:50-7:00-10:00-12:40

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW <http://westendcinema.com/>
The Double Hour (La doppia ora) (NR) English Subtitles: 3:15-5:25-7:35
Of Gods and Men (Des hommes et des dieux) (PG-13) English Subtitles: 4:10-7:00-9:30
Poltiche (R) English Subtitles: 9:35
Louder Than a Bomb (NR) 3:00-5:10-7:20-9:30

MARYLAND
AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) No Passes/Silver Babies Show: (I) 10:30-12:00; (I) 1:00-3:05-5:10-7:15-9:30
Cave of Forgotten Dreams (G) 12:40-2:35-4:45
Everything Must Go (R) 9:20
Diary of a Country Priest (1951) (NR) No Passes: (I) 4:30
The “Room Play/Reading” w/ Tommy Wiseau & Greg Sestero (NR) No Passes: (I) 7:00
From Here to Obscurity, The Best of Travesty Films (NR) 7:30
The Room (R) No Passes: (I) 10:00-12:00

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com
The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Presentation: 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:30
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:50-1:50-4:45-7:45-10:45
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:30-2:15-4:50-7:25-10:00
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:15-10:50
Bridesmaids (R) Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:10
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:15-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:50-2:20-5:00-7:30-9:45

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:05-4:10-7:00-10:15
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:45
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:50-4:40-7:15-10:00
Bridesmaids (R) 1:35-4:55-7:45-10:55
The Hangover Part II (R) 2:05-5:10-8:00-10:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) Digital Presentation: 9:50-12:30-3:00-5:20-7:50-10:20
The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Presentation: 11:20-2:05-4:40-7:20-10:00-12:40
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 6:30-9:30-12:45
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:20-1:15-4:10-7:10-10:10-11:00
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 6:50-9:40-12:30
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:30-2:00-4:20
Bridesmaids (R) 10:30-1:30-4:35-7:30-10:30
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 9:40-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:25-10:00
The Hangover Part II (R) 10:10-1:40-3:40-6:20-9:00-11:40
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 10:00-12:10-1:10-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50-12:55
Super 8 (PG-13) 9:30-12:15-3:10-6:10-8:10-12:00
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 11:10-2:15-5:10-8:00-10:45

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 12:15-1:15-2:45-3:45-5:15-6:15-7:30-8:30-9:45
The Tree of Life (PG-13) 12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
Incendies (R) 1:05-3:55-6:50-9:50
Beginners (R) (I) 1:10-2:10-3:40-4:40-6:10-7:10-8:45-9:40
Submarine (NR) (I) 2:15-4:45-7:05-9:30

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) RW: 1:15-3:45-6:50-9:45

The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Projection: 1:50-4:50-7:55-10:40
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:05-10:05
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Projection: 4:05-7:05
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:30-3:30-4:30-6:45-7:45-9:50-10:50
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 1:10-4:10-7:00-10:00
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:45-4:15-7:20-10:15
Bridesmaids (R) 1:35-4:25-7:35-10:25
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 1:55-4:45-7:10-9:40
The Hangover Part II (R) RW/DA: 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:10
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) (I) 1:00-2:00-4:00-5:00-7:15-8:15-10:20
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1:25-4:35-7:40-10:35
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:30

Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Thor (PG-13) Digital Projection: 11:25-4:55-7:45
The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Projection: 12:25-2:55-5:45-8:25-10:55-1:05
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:10-11:05
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 11:05-12:45-2:00-3:35-5:00-6:35-8:15-9:40-11:15-12:40
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 2:15-10:25-12:55
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 11:45-12:30-2:30-3:15-5:15-6:00-8:00-8:50-10:40-11:25-1:05
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 11:15-5:05-8:05
Super 8: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: (I) 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-9:55-12:35
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 11:10-1:25-3:40-5:55-8:10-10:35
Bridesmaids (R) 1:05-4:15-7:00-10:00-12:45
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) RW: 11:40-12:55-2:05-3:10-4:40-5:25-7:35-9:45-12:25
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 11:55-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:35-11:50
The Hangover Part II (R) 1:35-4:40-6:25-6:55-8:55-9:30-11:35-12:15
Fast Five (PG-13) 11:50-5:10-10:50
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) RW & DA: (I) 1:30-2:40-5:35-8:40-11:40; (I) 12:00-1:20-3:00-4:25-6:05-7:25-9:10-10:30-12:10
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 2:35-7:55
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 12:15-3:20-6:15-9:15-12:20
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 1:15-3:55-6:40-9:20-11:55

VIRGINIA
AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com
The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Presentation: 12:30-3:00-5:45-6:30-8:15-9:15-10:45
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 1:15-3:50
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:30-9:55
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:45-4:30-7:00-9:30
Bridesmaids (R) 12:45-1:50-3:45-4:45-6:45-7:45-9:45-10:30
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1:20-4:00-6:15-8:45
The Hangover Part II (R) 1:30-4:15-7:15-10:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:00-12:25-2:50-5:15
The Hangover Part II (R) Digital Presentation: 12:20-3:00-5:40-7:40-8:20-10:25-11:05
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:45-2:55-6:15-9:30
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:55
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:05-12:05-2:05-3:05-5:00-6:00-7:50-8:50-10:45-11:45
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:05-1:20-4:30-7:45-11:10
Super 8: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: (I) 10:10-1:05-4:00-6:50-9:45-12:40
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:55-1:50-4:35-7:25-10:15
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:40-2:10-4:25-6:55-9:20
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 9:55-12:15-2:40-5:05-7:30-10:00-12:30
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) CC-Closed Captions: 10:20-12:40-3:10-5:30-8:00-10:30
Bridesmaids (R) 10:15-11:35-1:10-2:35-4:10-5:35-7:10-8:40-10:10-11:40
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 10:20-12:40-3:10-5:30-8:00-10:30

(I) No Pass/No Discount Ticket
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:25-12:00-1:40-3:15-4:55-6:30-8:10-9:40-11:25
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 10:50-1:15-3:45-6:10-8:35-11:00
The Hangover Part II (R) 10:30-11:00-1:00-1:45-3:40-4:20-6:20-7:00-9:05-9:50-11:50-12:20
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 11:15-12:50-2:30-4:05-5:45-7:20-9:00-10:35-12:15
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 11:05-2:00-4:45-7:35-10:20

Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St <http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/>
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 5:00-7:30-10:00
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 5:45-8:00-10:00

Arlington Cinema ‘N’ Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike <http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/>
Unknown (PG-13) 7:15

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 12:40-1:40-4:40-4:50-7:00-8:00-10:10
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 1:30-2:10-4:20-5:00-7:10-7:50-10:00-10:40
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:30
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 12:00-3:10-6:20-9:20
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 2:30-5:10-7:40-10:20
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) (I) 12:10-1:20-3:20-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:40-10:40
Thor (PG-13) 12:50-4:00-6:50-9:50
Water for Elephants (PG-13) 8:10-9:10
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) 3:00
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 1:00-3:50-6:40-9:30

Regal Kingstowne 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center
Thor (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:10-4:45-7:20
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:05-5:10-8:10
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 11:05-11:10
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 11:00-1:00-1:55-4:10-4:55-7:10-8:00-10:20-11:05
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 11:50-12:40-2:25-3:20-5:05-6:00-7:50-8:35-10:30-11:15
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 11:25AM
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 12:25-2:35-4:50-7:15
Bridesmaids (R) RW/DA: 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:40-10:35
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) RW: 11:30-1:45-4:00-6:15-8:30
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:40-7:05-9:30
The Hangover Part II (R) 12:05-1:15-2:30-3:40-5:00-6:20-7:30-8:45-10:00-11:15
Fast Five (PG-13) 10:50
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 11:10-1:25-3:45-6:10-8:25-10:45
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 12:15-6:40
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) (I) 11:45-2:45-3:30-6:05-9:10-9:50
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 11:00-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) RW: 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:20
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Digital Projection: 4:05-7:05
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 2:00-3:00-5:00-6:10-8:10-9:30-11:30
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:05-10:05
Super 8 (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 1:00-3:40-6:20-9:00-11:50
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:30-3:50-6:40-9:10
Bridesmaids (R) 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:45
Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 1:40-4:20-7:00-9:20-11:40
The Hangover Part II (R) CC/DA: 2:10
Fast Five (PG-13) 1:20-10:30
Thor (PG-13) 5:10-7:50
The Hangover Part II (R) 12:20-2:50-4:45-5:30-7:40-8:20-9:30-10:15-10:45-12:00
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1:45-4:35-7:35-10:20
X-Men: First Class (PG-13) (I) 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:50-7:30-10:00-10:50
Super 8 (PG-13) (I) 12:00-1:50-2:40-4:30-5:20-7:10-8:00-9:50-10:40

TV weekend **lookout**

No Good 'Guys Choice'

Spike's awards show answers questions no one really asked

Television

FRI 9:00 No network strives more desperately to attract male viewers than Spike, home to the confabulated awards show "Guys Choice" (9 p.m., Spike), now in its fifth forgettable year.

This is the show to watch if you want to know the answers to questions such as: "Who is the Most Dangerous Man?" "Who is the Most Unstoppable Jock?" and "Who is the Holy Grail of Hot?"

If you find those imponderables taxing the brain cells you've exhausted by not reading the



Jennifer Aniston accepts the Decade of Hotness award at the "Guys Choice" awards.

articles in Maxim, you can rest assured that some mighty mysteries have already been settled. The network has announced that Jennifer Aniston will be honored

with the Decade of Hotness award. Which begs the question: Just which decade are they talking about? KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

SAT 10:00



McEnroe/Borg: Fire & Ice (HBO) HBO looks back at the rivalry and friendship between hot-tempered John McEnroe, right, and stoic Bjorn Borg, left, two of tennis' greats, 31 years after their historic Wimbledon finals match. The documentary features rare footage, archival photos and interviews.

SAT 10:00

Parking Wars (A&E) In this new episode, a man in Philadelphia is caught in red-tape hell as clerical errors keep him from getting his impounded vehicle back, while Gina tries to justify the need to park illegally on South Street. In Detroit, booters Sonja and Rodney make a cold day even worse for some vehicle owners.

SUN 9:00

Game of Thrones (HBO) Ned (Sean Bean, pictured) makes a fateful decision to save endangered daughter Sansa. Catelyn enters into a dodgy arrangement with Walder Frey. Tyrion's father forces him to fight on the front lines. Robb captures a prized prisoner, while Jon discovers a dark secret.



SUN 10:00

Finding Bigfoot (APL) In this new episode, Matt, Ranae, Cliff and Bobo of the Bigfoot Field Research Organization investigate whether a piece of footage from the Uwharrie National Forest in North Carolina is real or a hoax.

Television



Legendary Return

Neil Patrick Harris, who plays "How I Met Your Mother's" suit-clad Barney Stinson, returns as host of the 65th Annual Tony Awards (8 p.m. Sunday on CBS), honoring the best of Broadway as it moves to a new home at the Beacon Theatre. "The Book of Mormon," from the creators of "South Park," is up for 14 awards with another musical, "The Scottsboro Boys," right behind with 12 nominations. Acting nominees include Judith Light for "Lombardi," Joe Mantello for "The Normal Heart" and Patina Miller for "Sister Act." (TM)

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Thursday's Results

DO YOU THINK METRO SHOULD USE OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS TO FIX ITS ESCALATORS?



“Given how well contractors have served the military (and the taxpayers), I say absolutely not. Contractors always cost more for the same job. Metro has problems, but farming them out to another company won’t solve them.”

COMMENTER DEFENSE LIB

“Yes, by all means! Let’s get people in there who get paid for good performance, not a bunch of wall-supporters who get paid no matter [what].”

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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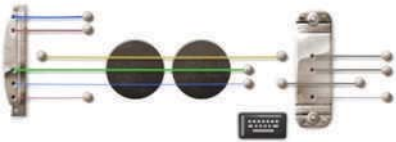
“Just to be totally clear: We’re talking about a three-pound cocktail here. Ordering one of these cirrhosis bombs will set you back \$79.99. I assume that you’re meant to share a ‘Big Dirty’ among several friends — but, hey, I wouldn’t want to be the kind of person to tell someone who works hard and plays hard what to do with their liver.”

— DCIST.COM IS STUNNED BY THE NEWEST DRINK AT DIRTY MARTINI, WHICH CONTAINS 48 OUNCES OF SWEET TEA VODKA AND OTHER MIXERS.



“If I were in charge of fining athletes for things they wrote on Twitter — which is not something I’d want to be in charge of — and I had to fine Gilbert Arenas, this is what I’d fine him for: being a complete and utter pig toward women.”

— DAN STEINBERG OF WASHINGTONPOST.COM/BLOGS/DC-SPORTS-BOG REACTS TO NEWS THAT THE NBA FINED THE FORMER WASHINGTON WIZARD FOR HIS ONLINE COMMENTS, AFTER STEINBERG REVIEWED SOME OF THE EMBATTLED PLAYER’S RECENT TWEETS.

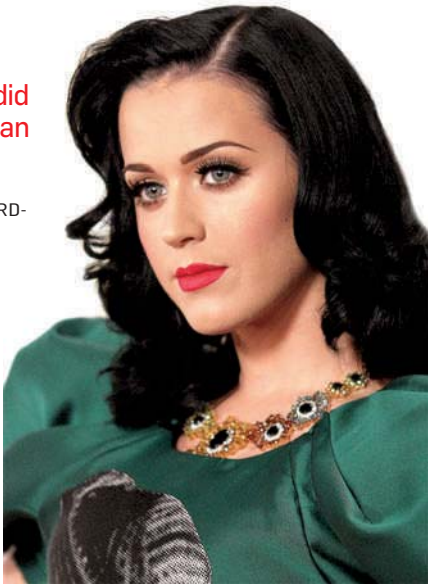


“It seems to be hit and miss with Google Doodle — some of them not being that remarkable at all. In this case, though, they did a pretty good job. Not exactly like the Pac-Man Doodle, but good enough.”

— FOREVERGEEK.COM ENJOYED THE SEARCH ENGINE’S LATEST DOODLE, WHICH FEATURED A PLAYABLE AND RECORD-ABLE GUITAR IN HONOR OF LES PAUL, INVENTOR OF THE ELECTRIC GUITAR, WHO WOULD HAVE TURNED 96 THURSDAY.

“Maybe I’m reaching (probably), but I can’t help thinking that Katy’s life story plays a big role here. Rebecca Black’s song is about being a normal teen, something Katy Perry has often told the media she never was but yearned to be.”

— THESTIR.CAFEMOM.COM HAS A THEORY ABOUT WHY THE YOUTUBE SENSATION IS FEATURED IN THE RECORDING ARTIST’S NEW VIDEO FOR “LAST FRIDAY NIGHT (T.G.I.F.).”



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ACROSS

1 Tibetan priest
5 Acapulco appetizer
9 Gospel source
14 Month on the Hebrew calendar
15 Grounded
Australian birds
16 Football-shaped
17 Three's opposite, on a clock face
18 Wet behind the ____ (inexperienced)
19 Sierra ____
20 Invent an idiom?
23 Burns of documentaries
24 Type of clause or hatch
25 Things with strings
27 Leaves hair here and there
30 An American airline
33 Talking-____ (scoldings)
36 Compound with multiple forms
38 Post-it jotting
39 Group of eight
41 First Q of Q-Q-Q vegetables
43 Rug with a thick pile
44 Type of weapon in a Gibson film title
46 Lodge member or large mammal
47 Ethiopian's neighbor
49 Wrestling maneuvers
51 They're full of dates
53 Debacle
57 Vegas' ____ Grand
59 Mood lightener
62 Vowel quintet
64 Wait for the start of a drag race
65 Soften, as ice cream
66 Neuters, as a horse
67 Show one's literacy
68 Perform a body check?
69 It might have a single coconut tree
70 Drop for a 10-count

71 Gas in some signs

DOWN

- 1 Jousting weapon
- 2 Parting word
- 3 Word with "depressive"
- 4 Sports palaces
- 5 Prairie homes with flaps
- 6 Nursemaid of India
- 7 Sound from a contented cat
- 8 Test for gold content
- 9 The first of Henry VIII's two Annes
- 10 Suffix with "excess"
- 11 Any Barnes & Noble, e.g.
- 12 Script segment
- 13 Genesis paradise
- 21 Greenhouse louse
- 22 Mouth-puckering
- 26 Sough sound
- 28 ____ on (love excessively)
- 29 Will of oollywood
- 31 Bibliography abbr.
- 32 Office furnishing
- 33 Throw lightly

34 Spanish eight
35 Ore-crushing
machine
37 Audio feedback
of a sort
40 Food thickener
42 Nostalgic
record
44 Nice ride for
51 Across
45 Fettuccine
sauce
48 Swarming
insect
50 Upstream
swimmer

52 Smug grin
54 Prolonged
attack
55 String quartet
member
56 Over and over
again
57 Christmas trio
58 Turns right, on
horseback
60 Basis of an
invention
61 Clump on a
potter's wheel
63 Praise-filled
poem

Yesterday's Solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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COLLECTOR'S ITEMS

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Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

[illegible]

Last Week's Solution

[illegible]

WWW.DIABENET

DIFFICULT

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9		2	1	7			6
2				8	1		7
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8	9			1	2		3
1					6		
			2			3	1
		6	5	1	8		

[illegible]

Today in History

1752 Benjamin Franklin flies a kite during a thunderstorm and collects a charge in a Leyden jar when the kite is struck by lightning, enabling him to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning.

1935 Two recovering alcoholics found Alcoholics Anonymous in New York City.

1980 The African National Congress publishes a message from Nelson Mandela that was smuggled out of prison, urging people to unite to fight apartheid.

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We Know You're Googling 'Shania fall' RIGHT NOW

Shania Twain's stumble during the CMT Music Awards show is being edited out of replays to save her from more embarrassment. Twain slipped and fell on her way to the stage Wednesday during a live telecast. While CMT edited out the fall, footage of it aired on cable news channels and could be found online. Twain said via her Twitter that she was not hurt, except for a sore thumb. (AP)

OBITUARY

Trouble Blazed New Paths For Pampered Lapdogs

Leona Helmsley's millionaire Maltese, Trouble, died Dec. 13, the Helmsley family trust announced Thursday. Trouble, who was 12, became famous when Helmsley, who died in 2007 at 87, left the dog \$12 million. A judge trimmed Trouble's bequest to \$2 million. Trust spokeswoman Eileen Sullivan would not say how much was left of Trouble's money but what remained went into the trust. (AP)



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All Trouble ever wanted was financial security. Then he found Leona, and love.

Victims



All Together Now: 'NOT ON CAMERA'

Paris Hilton's assistant, Lexie Dreyfus, tells Radaronline.com that her employer has nothing to apologize for. Last week on "The View," Barbara Walters took Hilton to task for saying community service "sucks" (as seen in the new Oxygen reality show "The World According to Paris"). "She was being real," Dreyfus says. "That is who she is. Don't bust her butt for really being real. Wouldn't you say it sucked if you had to do community service at 8 in the morning? Even if you had to do it if you did something wrong?" (EXPRESS)



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WRONG ASSUMPTION

'Property's Free Now!'

Kirstie Alley says she is paying \$41,000 in property taxes from 2010 on her Tampa, Fla.-area mansion after published reports noted the delinquency. The "Dancing With the Stars" runner-up called it an oversight. A spokesman released a statement Thursday saying "we were not aware of the amount owed, and her accountant never received the bill." Pinellas County tax records showed Alley owed \$41,395, including fees and interest, on the \$1.73 million mansion on Clearwater Harbor she bought in 2008. (AP)



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"When the show shut down, it was the end of the world for some people. When we shut down, it hit people hard."



— JOHN CRYER SAID WEDNESDAY ON CBS' "LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN" THAT "TWO AND A HALF MEN" FANS DIDN'T HANDLE THE SERIES' HIATUS WELL.

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